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SUBJECT: UN 3RD COMMITTEE: ARMENIA WITH US ON N.KOREA,
BURMA; NOT SO ON IRAN, BELARUS

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Classified By: Polchief Steve Banks, reasons 1.4 (b,d)

[1](#)1. (C) Polchief spoke with MFA International Organizations director Dziunik Agahjanian, conveying demarche points (reftels). Agahjanian affirmed that Armenia remains committed to voting just as it did on these issues last year. Specifically, Armenia will vote for a "no action" resolution on Iran. It will not participate in a "no action" vote on Belarus, but will vote against the substantive Belarus resolution if it comes up for vote. Armenia will support the U.S. position on Burma and the DPRK.

[1](#)2. (C) Armenia's split decision, as outlined above, provides an example of how Armenia sees its own interests. It is happy to support the U.S. position on far-away Burma and North Korea, with which it has few equities. Neighboring Iran is seen as too important to Armenia's interests, while Belarus -- less directly important to Armenia -- is still a fellow member of the CIS club.
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